



# AmeriCorps in Colorado

## So You Want to Serve

People of all backgrounds want to serve in AmeriCorps for any number of reasons. Perhaps they want to give back to the community, learn new skills, try out a certain career field, have an adventure, or even take a “break” before, during, or after college or a job. While they all are AmeriCorps, the following is a description of the different types, or branches, of AmeriCorps programs.

## Branches of AmeriCorps

**AmeriCorps\*State** members provide direct service to their community, typically in the areas of education, environment, health, public safety, and disaster preparedness. Programs serve at one or several locations throughout the state. Depending on the program, members may serve full or part-time. Generally, AmeriCorps\*State participants simply are referred to as “AmeriCorps members.”

**AmeriCorps\*National** programs serve and function in the same capacity as AmeriCorps\*State, but their programs include multiple operating sites in several different states. Their participants also are called “AmeriCorps members.”

**AmeriCorps\*VISTA** members serve full-time for 365 days. With the ultimate goal of eliminating poverty, VISTA members perform grassroots and capacity building activities for their host organizations, such as designing systems to raise funds, engage volunteers, and sustain programs. Frequently, these members are referred to simply as “VISTAs.”

**AmeriCorps\*NCCC** is a unique national service program that provides members ages 18-24 with a 10-month, full-time, residential service opportunity. Members are trained at one of 5 campuses throughout the country and deploy in teams of 10-14 on a series of different short-term projects throughout a multi-state region. Members commonly are identified as being a part of “NCCC.”

AmeriCorps benefits vary by program, but may include a living allowance, health insurance, child care assistance, training, personal development, student loan forbearance, and an education award upon successful completion of a member’s service term.

Additional information on all of these programs may be found at [www.AmeriCorps.gov](http://www.AmeriCorps.gov).

## AmeriCorps\*State Programs in Colorado

- **Boomers Leading Change in Health**  
*(Denver Metro)*
- **Boys & Girls Club AmeriCorps Alliance**  
*(Statewide)*
- **Community Building Partnership for Youth in Transition**  
*(Denver Metro)*
- **Colorado Youth Corps Association**  
*(Statewide)*
- **DPS Urban Education Service Corps**  
*(Denver Metro)*
- **Energize La Plata**  
*(Southwest)*
- **Frontier Asset Building AmeriCorps**  
*(Eastern Plains & Front Range)*
- **HIPPYCorps**  
*(Statewide)*
- **Mesa State College AmeriCorps Program**  
*(Grand Junction)*
- **Mile High Youth Corps**  
*(Front Range)*
- **Pueblo Community College AmeriCorps Project**  
*(Pueblo)*
- **Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Partners**  
*(Southwest)*
- **Saguache United Methodist Church AmeriCorps Program**  
*(Saguache)*
- **The School-Based Mentoring Program**  
*(Routt County)*
- **United Way AmeriCorps**  
*(Larimer County)*
- **Weld County Youth Conservation Corps**  
*(Weld County)*



# How to apply

## Searching for programs

To search for AmeriCorps programs that match your interests, go to the website **my.AmeriCorps.gov**. Near the bottom, you'll see a red "Search Listings" link. By clicking there, you'll have the opportunity to search for programs based on location, branch (State/National, VISTA, NCCC), and program name.

You also will have the chance to get more specific with your search. Do you want to work with children/youth? Homelessness? Education? Hunger? Disaster relief? Do you speak a foreign language? If you don't get any or only a few program results from your search, try broadening your search by selecting fewer categories.

*Hint: It may be helpful to click the box for "Include programs not currently accepting applications?" Even if the program isn't accepting applications at this time, you'll be able to learn about the program and possibly apply in the future.*

Once a list of AmeriCorps positions appears, click on the title to learn more about it! You'll be able to see general information about the program, specific requirements and duties, and the benefits included. You also will be able to contact the program directly if you want more information or have specific questions.

## Creating a profile

Once you find a position that looks good to you, click on the red "Apply Now!" button. You will be directed to create a 4-step profile for yourself, which includes your name, contact information, skills and interests, and some additional information. Once you've completed the profile, you'll receive an email asking you to verify it. Then, you'll be asked to complete the application.



## Completing the application

The application consists of eight (8) different components:

- Employment history (if any)
- Skills & experience
- Community service
- Education
- Motivational statement
- Criminal history
- Optional information
- References (minimum of 2)

You can work on the application in stages. If you aren't able to complete the form in one sitting, you can save and return to it later. Don't forget your password!

Once you've completed the application, go back to **my.AmeriCorps.gov** and search for the position to which you want to apply. Click "Apply Now." Your application is already uploaded in the system and ready to go. From here, all you need to do is certify the application and submit!

The program will receive your application electronically. Some programs may require additional materials, such as a resume or other application. You may receive automatic updates when your application is under review, and the program should contact you with "next steps," such as an interview.

You may submit the same application to multiple programs.



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